Table 17. Death rates and age-adjusted death rates for injury by firearms, by age, race, and sex: United States, 1997

[Rates on an annual basis per 100,000 population in specified group; age-adjusted rates per 100,000 U.S. standard population. For a listing of injury by firearms, see Technical notes]

Cause of death (Based on the Ninth Revision, International Classification of Diseases, 1975), race, and sex	All ages ¹	Under 1 year ²	1-4 years	5-14 years	15-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65-74 years	75-84 years	85 years and over	Age- adjusted rate ³
Injury by firearms (E922, E955.0-E955.4,													
E965.0-E965.4, E970, E985.0-E985.4):	10.1	*	0.5	1 1	22.2	170	12.2	11 5	11.0	11.0	140	112	12.2
All races ⁴ , both sexes	12.1	*	0.5	1.4	22.3	17.8	13.2	11.5	11.0	11.9	14.9	14.3	
Male	21.2 3.4	*	0.5 0.5	2.1	38.9	30.5	21.5	19.3	19.7 3.0	23.1 2.9	34.1	45.8	21.1 3.4
Female		*	0.5	0.7	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.1			2.3	1.7	
White, both sexes	10.5 18.1	*	0.4	1.2 1.8	14.7 24.8	13.9 23.1	12.3 19.5	11.5 19.0	11.3 20.1	12.4 23.9	15.8 36.1	15.2 49.3	
Female	3.2	*	0.4	0.5	3.8	4.5	4.9	4.2	3.1	23.9	2.4	1.7	
Black, both sexes	24.7	*	1.0	2.7	65.4	45.0	21.8	13.8	9.7	9.5	6.6	*	25.7
Male	46.1	*	*	3.9	119.9	84.0	39.5	25.8	19.0	19.0	15.4	*	47.4
Female	5.4	*	*	1.5	10.6	9.8	6.2	3.9	2.6	2.7	*	*	5.6
Accident caused by firearm missile (E922):													
All races ⁴ , both sexes	0.4	*	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	*	0.4
Male	0.7	*	*	0.5	1.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	*	0.7
Female	0.1	*	*	*	*	0.1	*	0.1	*	*	*	*	0.1
White, both sexes	0.4	*	*	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	*	0.4
Male	0.6	*	*	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	*	*	0.7
Female	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.1
Black, both sexes	0.5	*	*	0.4	1.3	0.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.5
Male	0.9	*	*	0.7	2.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.9
Female	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.1
Suicide by firearms (E955.0-E955.4):													
All races ⁴ , both sexes	6.6			0.3	7.1	7.6	7.5	7.9	8.5	10.3	13.7	12.8	6.0
Male	11.6			0.5	12.1	13.0	12.5	13.4	15.6	20.5	32.4	42.4	10.6
Female	1.7			0.1	1.7	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.1	1.5	0.8	1.6
White, both sexes	7.2			0.3	7.3	8.1	8.4	8.8	9.3	11.0	14.7	13.7	6.5
Male	12.7			0.5	12.4	13.6	13.8	14.8	16.8	21.8	34.6	45.9	
Female	2.0			0.1	1.8	2.4	3.1	2.9	2.4	2.2	1.7	0.8	
Black, both sexes	3.6			*	6.5	6.0	3.3	2.9	3.5	5.5	4.6	*	3.6
Male	6.6			*	11.6	11.4	6.3	5.2	7.1	11.3	11.6	*	6.9
Female	0.8			*	1.3	1.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.8
Homicide and legal intervention by													
firearms (E965.0-E965.4, E970):													
All races ⁴ , both sexes	5.1		0.3	0.7	14.1	9.6	5.2	3.3	2.1	1.2	0.8	1.0	
Male	8.7		0.4	1.0	24.7	16.4	8.3	5.3	3.4	1.9	1.0		9.5
Female	1.6		0.3	0.4	3.0	2.7	2.1	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	
White, both sexes	2.8	*	0.3	0.5	6.4	5.2	3.4	2.3	1.6	1.0	0.7	1.0	
Male	4.6	*	0.3	0.7	10.8	8.5	5.1	3.6	2.6	1.4	0.8	*	4.9
Female	1.1 20.4	*	*	0.3	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.6	*	1.2
Black, both sexes	38.0	*	*	1.9 2.6	56.8 104.2	38.1 71.1	18.1 32.5	10.7 20.2	5.7 10.9	3.4 6.4	*	*	21.3 39.1
Male Female	4.4	*	*	1.1	9.1	8.3	5.4	2.8	1.8	*	*	*	4.6
Injury by firearms, undetermined whether accidentally or purposefully inflicted													
(E985.0-E985.4):													
All races ⁴ , both sexes	0.1	*	*	*	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	0.1
Male	0.2	*	*	*	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.2
Female	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
White, both sexes	0.1	*	*	*	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	0.1
Male	0.2	*	*	*	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	*	0.2
Female	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
Black, both sexes	0.3	*	*	*	0.8	0.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.3
Male	0.5	*	*	*	1.5	0.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.5
Female	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*

 $^{^{\}ast}\,$ Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; see Technical notes.

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Category not applicable.

Figures for age not stated included in "All ages" but not distributed among age groups.

Death rates for "Under 1 year" (based on population estimates) differ from infant mortality rates (based on live births); see Technical notes.

For method of computation, see Technical notes.

"All races" includes races other than white and black.